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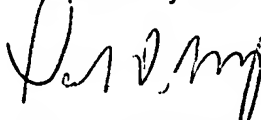
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We are also enclosing copies of the non-US publications listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of the following patents and articles are not enclosed because they are not in the possession of the undersigned: "A New PMMA-Microchip Device for Isotachophoresis with Integrated Conductivity Detector".

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Respectfully submitted,



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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						YES	NO
	0 653 631	5/17/95	Europe				
	199 27 535	1/4/01	Germany				
	WO 01/59440	8/16/01	PCT				
	2005/068993	7/28/05	PCT				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	Grass et al. "A New PMMA-Microchip Device for Isotachophoresis with Integrated Conductivity Detector". Sensors and Actuators B, Elsevier Sequoia S.A., Lausanne, Ch, vol. B72, No. 3, 10 February 2001 (2001-02-10), pages 249-258.

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